ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Tenth Annual Session

—OF THE—

TROY ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH—

TROY FIRST CHURCH, TROY, ALA.,

AUGUST 11th, 1893.

W. H. BARNETT, - - - - -	MODERATOR,
M. N. CARLISLE, - - - - -	CLERK,
M. A. WOOD, - - - - -	TREASURER.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Association called to order by Moderator.
2. Appoint Committee on Credentials.
3. Introductory Sermon.
4. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
5. Visiting brethren invited to seats.
9. Receive petitions from churches desiring membership.
7. Appoint committees to report during session—

    On Religious Exercises.
    On Finance and Auditing.
    On Documents and Requests.
    On Nominations.

8. Call for Correspondence.
9. Read Rules of Order.
10. Hear Reports from Committees and Treasurer.
11. Return Correspondence.
12. Appoint Committees to report next meeting--

    On Home and State Missions.
    On Foreign Missions.
    On Sabbath Schools.
    On Temperance.
    On Education.
    On Bible and Colportage.
    On Indigent Ministers.

13. Hear Miscellaneous Business.
14. Call Roll and erase absentees.
15. Arrange for printing minutes.
16. Correct minutes and adjourn.

MINUTES.

The Tenth Annual Session of the TROY ASSOCIATION was held with the First Church of Troy commencing August, 11th, 1893.

The morning hour was occupied by W. B. Crumpton, D. D. He delivered an able and instructive sermon.

TEXT:—A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

At 2 o'clock in the evening the association was called to order by the Moderator, W. H. Barnett.

Letters from Shiloh, Olustee, Orion and Troy churches were read by J. P. Wood.

On motion the committee on credentials was dispensed with for this session, and the delegates present as shown by the letters were enrolled as follows:

DELEGATES.

SHILOH:—M. A. Wood, W. G. Carlisle, R. B. Parks, T. J. McDowell, J. H. Wood, S. Fleming and M. A. McDowell.

OLUSTEE:—W. H. Barnett, J. A. Dennis and W. A. Morrison.

ORION. (No Delegates present.)

TROY:—Elders A. N. Worthy, J. L. Youngblood and L. H. Bowles; Brethren E. H. Locke, J. D. Murphree, J. P. Wood, J. P. Hubbard, J. S. Carroll, Josiah Jernigan, G. W. Andrews, M. N. Carlisle, W. L. Hendrick, W. S. Coleman, B. W. Starke, Abner Campbell, Arthur B. Foster, T. E. Hill and W. F. Beard.

W. H. Barnett and M. A. Wood were re-elected moderator and treasurer by acclamation, and on motion of J. P. Wood, M. N. Carlisle was elected clerk.

The moderator returned thanks to the association for the continued manifestation of trust. After announcing that the association was organized, visiting brethren were cordially invited to participate in the deliberations of the body.

The following committees were appointed to report at this session:

Religious Exercises: A. N. Worthy, J. L. Youngblood and W. L. Hendrick.

Finance and Auditing: M. A. Wood, J. A. Dennis, E. H. Locke and J. S. Carroll.

Nominations: J. L. Youngblood, W. L. Hendrick, T. E. Hill and W. G. Carlisle.

Documents and Requests: J. D. Murphree, J. H. Wood, T. J. McDowell and W. A. Morrison.

CORRESPONDENTS.

Upon the call for correspondents the following named brethren responded:

S. W. Averett, L. L. D., President Judson Female Institute.

A. W. McGaha, D. D., President Howard College.

W. B. Crumpton, D. D., Corresponding Secretary State Board of Missions.

R. H. Harris, D. D., and young Brother Amos Harris, Columbus, (Ga.) Association.

Rev. W. R. Red, Zion Association.

Bro. J. I. Lamar, Montgomery Association.

Rev. L. M. Bradley and Rev. R. P. Copeland, Salem Baptist Church.

Brethren W. B. Darby, —— Head, Salem Association.

Rev. W. W. Faulkner, Newton Association.

To fill vacancies on committees appointed at last session to report at this session the following appointments were made:

Foreign Missions, J. D. Murphree and Arthur B. Foster.

Education, G. W. Andrews and W. L. Hendrick.

The report on Bible and Colportage was presented. It was discussed by W. B. Crumpton, A. N. Worthy and J. D. Murphree, and then on motion was adopted.

REPORT.

Your committee appointed at our last association on Bible and Colportage to report at this time, have had the same under consideration, and after diligent enquiry have failed to learn of any one who is engaged in the business of Colporter, that of selling and distributing religious literature in the bounds of Troy Association. This state of things is to be regretted, and hope this great need of the church will be supplied by competent men very soon. Your committee recommend that the state board take steps to secure the services of some suitable person as Colporter of our denomination for Pike County.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOEL D. MURPHREE, Chairman.

It was agreed to hold a night session to consider the subject of education, and on motion the association adjourned.

NIGHT SESSION.

The association was called to order after devotional exercises. The report on education was read. The discussion of this report consumed the entire night session. It was conducted by A. W. McGaha, S. W. Averett and W. B. Crumpton. Pending the discussion a collection was taken up for ministerial education amounting to $34.00. The further consideration of the report was postponed until the morning session. Adjourned to 9 a. m.

SATURDAY MORNING.

At 9 a. m. the moderator called the body to order; devotional exercises of half hour. The call for correspondents was resumed. Bro. J. G. Harris as correspondent from the Montgomery Association, and as representative of the Alabama Baptist was kindly welcomed.

The committee on nominations made their report, which on motion was adopted.

REPORT.

Your committee on nominations ask leave to report:

1st. To preach next Introductory Sermon—Elder A. N. Worthy and L. H. Bowles Alternate.

2nd. To preach next Missionary Sermon—Elder R. H. Harris.

3rd. Delegates to Baptist State Convention—Elders R. H. Harris, A. N. Worthy, L. H. Bowles and Bros. W. H. Barnett, J. D. Murphree, J. P. Wood, W. S. Coleman, E. M. Shackelford, Fox Henderson, Sam Fleming and A. B. Foster.

4th. To Southern Baptist Convention—R. H. Harris, J. D. Murphree Alternate.

Respectfully Submitted.

Committee { J. L. YOUNGBLOOD, W. L. HENDRICK, W. G. CARLISLE, and T. E. HILL.

The report on Sabbath Schools was offered. Pending the consideration of this report, A. W. McGaha, J. G. Harris and R. P. Copeland earnestly presented the cause. Bro. Copeland's remarks were directed to the older members of the Sunday School and were especially interesting. The report was adopted.

REPORT.

To the moderator and messengers of Troy Baptist Association:

Your committee respectfully report that they are deeply impressed with the very great importance and value of the cause of Christian Sabbath Schools. We recognize them as being the offspring of Christian Churches, and as accomplishing more good for the cause of Christ than any other means (save the Church.)

If that be true how great the responsibility and obligation of each individual member of the church! ocupying, as they do, the relation of parent to these great Schools of Christain instruction, to be faithful to the trust imposed, by the use of every effort to encourage and build them up! They are aptly termed as "nurseries of the church" and it is an easy and natural transition from these Schools into the Christian Church, when properly conducted and faithfully instructed in religious truth. What is needed in the premises, is a heartfelt, manifest interest in Sabbath Schools—Do Christians as a rule, manifest their zeal in the cause? Is it not a noticeable fact, that there is less felt or shown by Christian Members of the Church, than by the children attending Sabbath Schools?

There should be a Sabbath School connected with every church, and we earnestly recommend each member of a Christain Church, male and female, to earnestly and prayerfully reflect and consider, whether or not they are doing their duty in this matter, and whether or not they have not fallen far short of their duty. We may not be able to preach, but if we have the cause of Christianity at heart, as we should, we will be impelled to do all in our power to aid and encourage

this glorious cause. So that, when the hour of death shall come, we may not be filled with shame and remorse at the unwelcome consciousness that we knew our duty, but did it not. All of which is Respectfully Submitted.

B. W. Starke, Chairman.

At the hour of 11 the discussion on the report on education was resumed. Ministerial education consumed the remainder of the discussion. The duty of the denomination to aid struggling young ministers was earnestly urged by W. B. Crumpton and A. W. McGaha. The report was adopted.

REPORT.

Your committee on education find the following statistics from the reports of the Board of Ministerial Education and of Boards of Trustees of Howard College and Judson Institute. Number of students from Alabama preparing to preach, in attendance at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, ... 28
At Howard College, ... 25
At High Schools, ... 3

These are the figures reported to the convention last November: The actual number in attendance in the course of of the session of 1892–'93 was at all of these institutions probably somewhat larger.

The total enrollment at Howard College was ..... 159.
And that at Judson Institute, ... 131.

There is abundant evidence of the excellence of the work done at the Theological Seminary, and at the Howard and the Judson. It is apparent also that the whole system of education is improving. Better facilities are afforded for the instruction of the children and the youth, better teaching is done, and a more general appreciation of the value of schools is felt now than was felt a decade ago. We may congratulate ourselves upon these facts.

Your committee does not consider that you have required of them to present arguments in behalf of the cause of education. There are, however, suggestions that arise from the

consideration of the subject that impress your committee so profoundly that we beg to state them.

1st. The Theological Seminary, The Howard College and The Judson Institute, are integral factors in our denominational work. The officers in charge of those institutions should have our hearty sympathy, our cordial co-operation, and our material support in patronage whenever we have it to bestow and in gifts whenever they need them.

2nd. The Ministerial Board of Education is now appealing to us urgently to supply a deficiency of funds that was caused by the imperative demands of the work committed to them by the convention. We should supply the deficiency as soon as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

G. W. Andrews, Chairman.

2:30 P. M.

The association was called to order.

The reports on Home and State Missions and on Foreign Missions were each read and it was agreed to consider both together. Bro. Crumpton in presenting the subject of State Missions, showed the great good the Board had accomplished: the vast fields that lie before them unoccupied: the needs of the Board, and the duty of the denomination as to the work.

His arguments were conclusive and strong. It is regretted that on account of the rain the audience was not as large as desired. After further remarks by J. L. Youngblood, R. H. Harris closed the discussion.

On motion both reports were adopted.

REPORT ON HOME AND STATE MISSIONS.

TO THE TROY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION:

Your committee to whom has been assigned the duty of reporting on Home and State Missions, most respectfully set forth the following facts as derived from report of our State Secretary:

Number of Missionaries employed	50
Churches Constituted	12
Number of persons baptised	198
Sunday Schools organized	50
Amount Collected for Home Board	$6537.85
" " " State "	$7617.73

We learn from the same report that there was a deficit at the end of the year of about $700.00.

The work of the Home Board in Cuba and New Orleans have especially been gratifying, and has secured very largely the work of our State Board in places of destitution.

We call attention to the work of our State Board in their effort to establish an Orphans Home, and are pleased to report that the temporary home now at Evergreen, Ala., under the direction of Bro. J. W. Stewart is making fine progress, and we pray God that this most laudable undertaking may result in the establishment of an asylum for every homeless Baptist Child in Alabama.

The fact that South-East Alabama has no Colporter is sufficient to put every earnest Christian worker on the inquiry as to the reason why so important a part of the evangelization of the masses is so sadly neglected. This association ought to take steps at once to enlist the co-operation of adjoining associations in this territory, and our State Board in putting a Colporter at work in this field.

We recommend to the Churches composing this association that they appoint stated times for taking up collections for each one of our denominational causes, and that the pastors of our Churches, be requested to prepare sermons bearing on these particular causes at the stated services for such collections.

We are pleased to report that each one of our causes is in the hands of devoted, Godly men, and feel assured that if we give them our prayers and money in sufficient measure, they will accomplish great things for the Master.

Most respectfully Submitted,

L. H. Bowles,
J. H. Wood, } Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee is not able to discover any material changes in the mission fields since the last meeting of your body. It does not appear that there has been any declension, or want of interest felt, anywhere along the line. What shall result from extraordinary efforts by the denomination to send out ONE HUNDRED NEW MISSIONARIES this centenial year —is not NOW certainly known; but, it is believed that untold blessings will follow, and the NAME OF JESUS—the Savior of Sinners—SHALL BE EXALTED ABOVE EVERY NAME.

There is no earthly doubt concerning the object and intention of the Master, TO HAVE HIS GOSPEL PROMULGATED, throughout the whole world; and, the means and instrumentalities devised by Him for its accomplishment, is by no means conjectural, but fully set fourth in the great commission, which was addressed to the deciples, as a church—as an organized company of baptized believers; and he still addresses the command to us this day, bidding us to "go." &c.

Your committee would earnestly recommend that every Church member shall carefully study the scriptures to ascertain what is his duty in the premises and then follow faithfully NEW TESTAMENT principles, precepts and examples in carrying out the commission.

Your committee would further suggest to our teachers and preachers the duty of indoctrinating the people on this great subject. It is believed that if Christians everywhere had a clearer understanding of their duty, and obligation in this behalf much more would be accomplished. So, let the people have light—"line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little" and, soon a marked improvement will be seen.

Respectfully Submitted,
A. N. WORTHY, Chairman.

The report on Temperance was next taken up. After it was read the association adjourned till 8 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION.

The association was called to order. After devotional ex-

ercises, the consideration of the report on Temperance was resumed. The discussion of this subject took a wide range. Several brethren participated. The success of the cause in South-East, Ala., was especially gratifying. The merits of the Keely Cure for drunkeness were recognized as a patent factor in the great reform. The report was adopted.

REPORT.

Upon a slight investigation of this very important subject by your committee we find that the cause of Temperance is steadily growing and taking on new energy from year to year. The agencies of intemperance have been largely diminished. The number of dram shops much smaller, than heretofore. Where drinking a few years ago abounded in the country at every X roads, it is now as quiet and as peacable as the grave. Travel all over our delightful country, South-East Alabama, and in the greater part if not all, nowhere do you find a grog shop. Thank God for the result of Temperance. Perfect peace and quietude reigns supreme all over our country, the little retail grocery being a thing of the past forever.

Public opinion has confined them for the present at least to the towns and cities, where police regulations are ample and sufficient. May the good work go on and on until drinking and drunkenness shall be forever a thing of the past. God help the Church of Christ to be more active and zealous in this direction than she has ever been.

Respectfully Submitted,
G. W. Andrews, Chairman.

The report on documents was adopted as follows:

REPORT.

Your committee on Documents and Requests offer the following report: We find nothing claiming the attention of the Association except the letters from the churches composing our body. All of which have been read in your hearing. We find in their letter Orion church asking that the

next session be held with them at the usual time, commencing Friday before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1894.

Respectfully Submitted,
JOEL D. MURPHREE, Chairman.

Committee on Finance made their report which was adopted:

REPORT.

TROY CHURCH:

For Minutes	$10.00
Home and State Missions	$55.00
Pastor's Salary	$525.00
Sunday School Collection	$194.00
Centennial Missions	$675.00
Incidental Expenses	$75.00

SHILOH CHURCH:

For Minutes	$3.00
For Missions	$31.05
For Ministerial Education	$5.00
Pastor's Salary	$200.00
Sunday School	$5.00
Church Expenses	$17.00

OLUSTEE CHURCH:

For Minutes	$1.00
For Missions	$10.00

ORION CHURCH:

For Pastor	$200.00

Collection during session For Ministerial education $35.00

Scale of Church for Shiloh.

Received by Letter	10
Received by Baptism	6
Dead	1
Dismissed by Letter	8
Total	162

The following committees were announced to report at the next session :

Home and State Missions: L. H. Bowles, Josiah Jernigan, W. G. Carlisle and W. A. Morrison.

Foreign Missions: A. N. Worthy, Arthur B. Foster, W. L. Hendrick, M. A. Wood, J. S. Carroll and T. J. McDowell.

Sabbath Schools: Arthur B. Foster, B. W. Starke, R. B. Parks, J. A. Dennis and E. H. Locke.

Temperance: J. D. Murphree, J. P. Hubbard, G. W. Andrews, J. H. Wood and W. G. Carlisle.

Bible and Colportage: J. L. Youngblood, M. N. Carlisle, J. P. Wood, W. G. Carlisle and J. A. Dennis.

Indigent Ministers: Josiah Jernigan, T. E. Hill, W. F. Beard, T. J. McDowell and W. A. Morrison.

RETURNED CORRESPONDENTS.

Salem Association: J. P. Wood, A. N. Worthy, J. L. Youngblood, J. S. Carroll, M. N. Carlisle and W. H. Barnett.

Centennial: J. P. Hubbard, M. A. Wood and J. D. Murphree.

Newton: M. N. Carlisle and J. P. Wood.

Zion: J. L. Youngblood and W. H. Barnett.

Montgomery: W. H. Barnett and W. F. Beard.

Salem Baptist Church: W. H. Barnett and M. N. Carlisle.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion the association adjourned to meet with the Church at Orion, Friday before the 2nd Monday in August, 1894. W. H. Barnett, Moderator.

M. N. Carlisle, Clerk.

At the morning service on Sunday a collection was taken up for missions amounting to $34.00. Clerk.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

CHURCHES.	PASTOR.	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Dismissed by letter	Excommunicated	Dead	Total Membership	Associational purposes	Home and State Missions	Centennial Missions	Church expenses	Ministerial	Sunday Schools	Pastors Salary	Ministerial Education by the Association	For Missions by Association.
Troy	R. H. Harris	5	7	11	2	7	338	$10.00	$55.00	$675.00	$75.00		$194.	$525. 4 mos.	$35.00	$
Shiloh	T. H. Stout	16	10	8		1	162	3.00	31.05		17.00	5.00	5.00	200.		
Orion	P. L. Mosely	6	2			1	78							200.		
Olustee	G. G. McLendon		1			1	17	1.00	10.00							

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

A. N. Worthy ..... Troy.
R. H. Harris ..... "
J. L. Youngblood ..... "
L. H. Bowles ..... "
G. G. McLendon ..... Olustee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

E. M. Shackelford ..... Troy.
W. G. Chancey ..... Orion
M. A. Wood ..... Shiloh.